

SAY CARRANZA IS TO RETURN LANDS

Many Wealthy Americans and British Are Likely to Suffer as Result of Plan.

Eagle Pass, Tex.—Many wealthy Americans and British will suffer heavy financial losses by the carrying out of General Carranza's agrarian policy in the states he controls. It is believed by Americans who have arrived here from Mexico recently.

This policy means the division of millions of acres of former original owners or claimants or their heirs. It means in a word, that hundreds of rich American, British and Mexican lords of the land will be stripped of their rich and fertile possessions. Most of these great landed estates were acquired, it is alleged, by the illegal dispossession of whole communities of the poorer classes of natives. Their small holdings were taken from them with the knowledge and sanction of the Porfirio Diaz administration and massed into estates of which some are almost as big as the state of Delaware.

Most of the great ranches and farms which foreigners own are composed of former "community lands."

Various properties were purchased from their Mexican owners, who gave what was regarded then as good title to them. While no statistics are available as to the amount of land in Mexico that is owned by Americans it is known to aggregate many millions of acres. The most valuable of these holdings are in the producing oil fields of the Tampico territory, where American and British interests are said to own and hold under long time lease more than 20,000,000 acres. How much of this was formerly community lands cannot be learned yet.

There are several American-owned ranches in the states of Coahuila and Chihuahua having an area of 500,000 to 2,000,000 acres each. Probably the largest of these is the 3,000,000-acre property of Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst in Western Chihuahua. The so-called Rockefeller-Aldrich syndicate owns a 2,000,000-acre ranch in the state of Zacatecas and several other properties of lesser acreage. Scattered all through the states of Sinaloa, Sonora, Michoacan, Vera Cruz and Chiapas are big ranches and plantations owned by Americans.

Much of the work of putting into effect the new agrarian plan will be left to the governors of the states. It is announced. It is supposed that an agrarian commission be appointed for each state, with authority to divide the community lands now embraced in these big estates and apportion them to the poor people. Commissions of this character have been at work for some time in the states of Vera Cruz, Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and Coahuila.

Governor Jose Siurob of Guanajuato, who has recently appointed a similar commission, telegraphs: "The commission, telegraphs: 'The commission has for its object the restoration of community lands to their rightful owners who were illegally dispossessed under the Diaz regime. In addition it proposes to divide municipal lands among

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the poor for the purpose of cultivation."

Governor Siurob also mentions that he has established 1,800 schools in the state since he took office.

If the dividing of municipal lands is adopted as a general policy by the other states it will mean the providing of homes and agricultural plots for thousands of poor natives. Heretofore the municipal lands have been of no practical benefit to the people. For the most part they are capable of being made very productive, nearly all of them being irrigable.

Ends Landed Aristocracy.

The consummation of the new agrarian policy means the end of the agricultural aristocracy in Mexico. Its members were as proud and arrogant as the nobles of France before the Revolution; almost literally they told the peons to "eat grass." It is notorious that the landed aristocrats grew rich by favor of Diaz and his regime, yet they benefited Mexico not a jot. Most of these rarely visited their estates. They lived like magnificos in Europe, maintaining elaborate establishments in Paris and Madrid. They contributed very little to the support of their own government, their lands being free from taxation. On the other hand, the poor and oppressed peon was required to pay a tax on every goat he killed for his own use out of his own flock, and in many other ways he was made to contribute to the revenues of the government.

Besides dividing the community and other lands among the poorer element it is planned by the Carranza government to place a heavy tax upon all unused land, and a somewhat lesser tax on land that is occupied and in actual use.

The Theatre

EMPIRE.

Vaudeville—Performances daily at 2:45 and 8:15; three shows on Sunday.

SPENCER SQUARE.

Saturday—"Not Guilty," with Cyril Scott; and a good comedy.
Sunday—"The Forbidden Adventure," with Louise Glaum; Bray's cartoons.

ILLINOIS.

Friday—"Monon Lescaut," with Lina Cavillieri; "Seeing America First."

MAJESTIC.

Today—Marie Doro in "The White Pearl."
Sunday—Mary Miles Minter in "Barbara Frietchie."

Monday and Tuesday—Julia Dean in "Matrimony," and Raymond Hitchcock in "Stolen Magic."

Wednesday and Thursday—Tully Marshall in "The Sable Larcha," and Ford Sterling in "His Father's Footsteps."

BEST.

Monday—"The Fair God of Sun Island," with Herbert Rowlinson, and "Bashful Glen," comedy.

Tuesday—"The Kiss of Dishonor," with Jane Novak and Ronald Bradbury. Animated Weekly, and "When the Wets Went Dry."

Wednesday—"Diamond From the Sky," No. 20; "The Yellow Star," three-reel underworld drama.

Thursday—"The Sheriff of Red Rock Gulch," with MacQuarrie; "The Vengeance of Guido," and "The Prankful Ponies, Vaudeville Act."

AT THE MAJESTIC.

Marie Doro, the clever little Paramount-Frohman star, who electrified the photoplay going public recently in her sensational success, "The Morals of Marcus," will be seen at the Majestic tonight in "The White Pearl," considered a much stronger play in every respect. Miss Doro's work is wonderfully interesting and she is rapidly assuming a position in a class by herself.

Tomorrow there will be a Civil war picture without a battle in "Barbara Frietchie." Mary Miles Minter, the clever little Metro star, will appear in the role made famous by Julia Marlowe. In this she will be assisted by an all star cast.

AT SPENCER SQUARE.

A weird, wonderful drama, the scene of which is laid near the famous Arabian "City of the Dead," is the Mutual Masterpicture in five parts, entitled "The Forbidden Adventure," to be offered at the Spencer Square tomorrow. Five photoplay stars of first magnitude comprise the cast, Louise Glaum, who impersonates "Ameca," the fascinating Arabian priestess, is the captivating dark actress who played the part of the dancer in "The

Toast of Death." Of serpentine charm and rare oriental beauty, Miss Glaum is particularly well adapted to the role of the priestess whose lure of a young English adventurer follows to the brink of death. The plot affords opportunity for Miss Glaum's exceptional ability in "stunt acting." The escape of the lovers by the narrow cable bridge across the chasm is a thrilling moment.

MOLINE'S BUILDING RECORD OF 1915 LOW

Building operations in the city of Moline during 1915 reflected the period of hard times which gripped the entire country during 1914 and the early months of 1915, or until the effect of war orders began to be felt throughout the land.

Happily the business depression appears to be over, temporarily at least, and in view of this there are indications that there will be a revival in Moline building the coming year.

Practically all work that was done was repairing, remodeling and construction of new residences. No large structures of great consequence were constructed and there was a large lapse in the erection of stores and buildings other than residences.

Total amount spent in building during the year was \$416,502, according to reports of the city building inspector. In 1914 the amount was approximately \$1,600,000 and in 1912 it was \$2,350,000.

In the way of public improvements the year 1915 was a notable one for Moline. During the year a total of 19,954.8 lineal feet of brick pavement was laid and 29,608.1 lineal feet of curbing, at a cost of \$119,525.13. Number of square yards of brick pavement laid was 46,946.13. Number of lineal feet of concrete pavement laid was 1,689 at a cost of \$6,219.30. A total of 540 lineal feet of curbing was installed as an accompaniment to the pavement, cost of which is included in cost of the paving given.

Lineal feet of asphalt paving laid is 8,803.9, with an accompanying 28,094 lineal feet of curbing, at a total cost of \$79,156.74. Three asphalt jobs were done, as follows: Nineteenth avenue from First to Sixteenth street, Fifteenth street A from Nineteenth to Twenty-third avenue, and Twenty-third street from Fifth to Seventh avenue. The Nineteenth avenue project cost \$64,299.74.

Total cost of all kinds of street paving done during the year was \$204,901.07. A total of 5.77 miles of pavement was laid last year, making the total paving in the city 42.65 miles, as stated.

Total length of watermain laid last year was 4512 feet, or .85 miles. Cost was \$5,177.59.
Total length of sewers installed during the year was 36,937 feet, or 7.1 miles, at a cost of \$80,441.13. This includes the east-end sewer, costing \$73,747.09.

A big difference is noted this year in amount of cement sidewalks laid in 1915 and the amount laid in 1914. In 1914 more than fifteen miles of walks were constructed, while in 1915 the amount was only 2.83 miles, at a cost of \$8,966.85. Petitions now before the board of local improvements, however, indicate that more than seven miles of walks will be constructed during 1916.

HARPER PHARMACY IS SOLD TO J. J. FOLEY

Announcement is made today of the sale of the Harper House Pharmacy, 1821 Second avenue, by H. O. Rolfs to J. J. Foley, who for six years has been with Mr. Rolfs. The latter expects to give his time to the Port Byron Lime association in which he is financially interested.

Mr. Foley is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Pharmacy and for 15 years has been employed as a registered pharmacist. The store is one of the progressive concerns of the city and was located in the New Harper building until about three years ago. Mr. Rolfs has been in business here for about twelve years.

Iowa Horseman Dies.
Keota, Iowa, Jan. 1.—Thomas Stng-master, 75 years old, for nearly half a century an importer of fine horses from Belgium and France, died at his home in Keota last night.

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CAMBRIDGE

Peter Peterson left Tuesday for Sedalia, Mo., to look after his farm interests and will also visit with his brother, Robert.

Word has been received in Cambridge that Ramon, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Angeonic of Watertown, is confined in a hospital with an attack of typhoid fever.

Edwin Rosenstone and De Forest Olson, students at Knox college, are spending their Christmas holidays with their parents.

Mrs. James Wright and Mrs. Charles Larson spent Tuesday in the tri-cities.

Mrs. A. L. Arthens and son Paul were tri-city callers Tuesday.

Mrs. C. A. Peterson and daughter, Mayme visited at Davenport Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Malcolm and daughter, Miss Mayme, and Mrs. Paul Maschah visited the tri-cities Tuesday.

Archie Sherrard visited at Rock Island Wednesday.

Miss Zelma Larson of Toulon is spending her vacation with Cambridge relatives and friends.

Miss Bessie M. Atwood and Harry S. Anderson, both of Cambridge, were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 22, at the M. E. parsonage.

Rev. D. S. Andrewartha officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will go to house-keeping on the farm vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Taylor west of town.

Their many friends join in wishing them much joy and happiness.

Maurice R. Wieneke from Greene, Iowa, arrived Christmas day for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wieneke.

Mrs. Fred Carlson and baby of Osco were Cambridge callers Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindbloom left Cambridge Wednesday for Moline.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bloom visited at Rock Island Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Odenwieler and daughter left Wednesday for Moline to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. David Linquist and two children left Wednesday for Rock Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart was a Rock Island caller Wednesday.

Miss Ida Lyons was a Davenport caller Wednesday.

Miss Bernice Hultgren of Osco was a Cambridge caller Wednesday.

Miss Pearl Baugh returned to her home at Oakland, Neb., after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Baugh and family. Her father and sister, Miss Fern Baugh, accompanied her as far as Rock Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Clell Baugh of Bement Ill., visited at the home of the for-

mer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Baugh, over Christmas.

Mrs. Gardin of Chicago visited the past week with her sister, Mrs. Corduroy.

Mrs. Walter Fragd visited her mother, Mrs. John Goodley at St. Luke's hospital Thursday.

Mrs. John Goodley, who underwent an operation a short time ago at St. Luke's hospital, Davenport, is getting along well.

Mrs. Clint Reed visited with Mrs. John Godley at St. Luke's hospital, Davenport, Thursday.

Mr. Broburg was a visitor at Bishop Hill Thursday.

Mrs. Elis Samuelson and daughter left Thursday for a visit at Chicago. They were accompanied by A. G. Anderson.

Mrs. Short of Galva arrived Thursday for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Dixon.

Dr. Matilda Eaton was a business caller in Davenport Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rogers left Friday for Cedar Rapids to spend Christmas with the latter's son, George Doty. They were accompanied from

Rock Island by Mrs. Mary King and son of Geneseo.

Mr. and Mrs. George Britton of Rock Island arrived Thursday for a visit over Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Yohn.

Mrs. Clara Eckles visited the tri-cities Friday.

John Goodley went to Davenport Friday to visit his wife at St. Luke's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Werbach, who has been visiting relatives and friends for some time, returned to their home at Lone Tree, Iowa, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Peterson and children left for Moline Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bandel left Friday for Louisa, Ill., to visit over Christmas.

Mrs. O. O. Otto and daughter and son left Friday for Preemption.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cady and daughter, Leona left Friday for Rock Island to visit at the home of their children over Christmas.

Miss Nora Curran visited at Utah, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Floyd and son left Friday for their old home at West Salem for a visit with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Moline arrived Friday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Munson.

Walter Samuelson of Rock Island visited in Cambridge over Christmas.

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